

House Bill 1179 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Cooper of the 41st, Randall of the 138th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Sims of the 119th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Code Section 31-7-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to influenza vaccinations for discharged patients aged 65 and older, vaccinations or other measures for health care workers in hospitals, immunity from liability, and standing orders, so as to require hospitals to annually offer influenza vaccinations to its health care workers and other employees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 31-7-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to influenza vaccinations for discharged patients aged 65 and older, vaccinations or other measures for health care workers in hospitals, immunity from liability, and standing orders, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) A hospital ~~may offer~~ shall annually offer to its health care workers and other employees who have direct contact with patients, at no cost, vaccinations for the influenza virus in accordance with the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, subject to availability of the vaccine. A hospital may offer to its health care workers and other employees any other vaccination, test, or prophylactic measure required or recommended by, and in accordance with, the recommendations of, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. All such vaccinations, tests, or prophylactic measures may be offered or administered pursuant to standing orders approved by the hospital's medical staff to ensure the safety of employees, patients, visitors, and contractors."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.